(SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (d) The Plan Model attempts to capture, in a quantitative framework, the prevailing economic relationships in the country, and as such, the parameters of the model change with the changes in economic situation. The Plan Model used in the formulation of the Eighth Five Year Plan has been published in the Technical Note to the Eighth Plan.

Wheat/Rice Procured by FCI

1512. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of wheat and rice procured by Food Corporation of India from different States during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the procurement price fixed per quintal and subsidy paid by Food Corporation of India on wheat and rice per quintal; and

(c) the steps taken to reduce expenditure on subsidy?

THE MINSTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The required information is given in statement-I (*See* below)

(b) The required information regarding procurement prices, is given in statement-II (*See* below). per quintal consumer subsidy provided to the Food Corporation of India during the last three years on wheat and rice was as under:—

Rs./Per Quintal

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Wheat	139.11	224.74	176.15
Rice	131.46	142.87	164.68

(c) Government keeps on reviewing the subsidy budget of Food Corporation of India. Expenditure on subsidy depends on a number of factors like level of procurement, issue prices, quantum of off-take under various schemes and the level of buffer-stocks. Some of these factors are uncontrollable. Nonetheless, continuous efforts are made by the Food Corporation of India to reduce its handling costs through measures like optimum utilisation of storage capacity, resorting to open sale of wheat/rice to reduce increasing storage cost, strict supervision on movement of foodgrains, for controlling incidence of transit and storage losses, reduction in man power by banning recruitment to entry level posts and not filling vacancies arising out of resignation, retirement etc., adopting a systematic policy of liquidating CAP storage, issuing old stocks, disposing of C&D category stocks and reducing demurrage charges etc.

Statement-I

(a) Details showing procurement of Rice and wheat (State-wise) in Marketing Seasons (Oct.—Sept.) 1991-92 to 1993-94

In Thousand Tonnes

States/U.T.	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
A. Contributing to Central Pool:			
Andhra Pradesh	2262	3296	3987
Arunachal Pradesh	Neg.	Neg.	—
Assam	6	9	5
Bihar	—	—	2
Haryana	921	908	1247
Himachal Pradesh	—	—	—
	116	115	134

1	2	3	4
Karnataka			
Madhya Pradesh	404	688	804
Maharashtra	52	70	85
Orissa	266	380	386
Punjab	4248	4905	5486
Rajasthan	20	21	21
Uttar Pradesh	831	1186	1296
West Bengal	80	170	158
Chandigarh	24	30	26
Delhi	5	5	5
Pondicherry	5	5	2
Total (A)	9240	11788	13644
B. Not Contributing to Central Pool:			
Gujarat	14	19	20
Jammu & Kashmir	3	—	—
Tamil Nadu	997	1208	577
Total (B)	1014	1227	597
Total (A)+(B)	10254	13019	14241

Statement-II

(b) Statement showing procurement of Wheat (State-wise) in Marketing Seasons (April-March) 1991-92 to 1993-94

In Thousand Tonnes

States/U.T.	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Bihar	—	—	—
Gujarat	—	—	Neg.
Haryana	1834	1372	3454
Himachal Pradesh	—	—	1
Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	—
Madhya Pradesh	—	Neg.	242
Punjab	5543	4489	6495
Rajasthan	8	22	496
Uttar Pradesh	368	497	2127
Chandigarh	—	—	Neg.
Delhi	—	—	20
All India Total	7753	6380	12835

Neg: below 500 tonnes.